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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identfied application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Species Requirement mailed October 7, 2002, the Applicants elect Species A1, directed to a semiconductor device with grooves (i.e. slit) in a tab, with claims 1-12, 15-25 and 40-53 readable thereon.

A certified copy of a corresponding Japanese Patent Application (JP 2001-301355) accompanies this Response for the purpose of claiming foreign priority under 35 USC §119.

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